



Secretary of State Ruth Johnson

SAFE Initiative — Secure and Fair Elections

What is the SAFE Initiative?

A comprehensive plan offered by Secretary of State Ruth Johnson to ensure Michigan elections are as secure and fair as possible, from start to finish, through the use of new laws, innovative policies and technology.

Clean-up Michigan's Voter Rolls

One Citizen, One vote

1. Remove tens of thousands of confirmed dead registered voters from the rolls.
2. Remove out-of-state voters and work with other states to prevent dual-state registrations.
3. Began process (under federal law) for removing 51,000 inactive voters.
4. With congressional leaders, get citizenship status data from feds to remove non-citizens from Michigan's Qualified Voter File.
5. Fight ACORN-style fake voter registrations.

Integrity

Safeguarding the Process

1. Requiring absentee voting has the same photo ID and affidavit rules now required at local precincts.
2. Election Crimes Unit with Election Day response team, hotline.
3. Fight "coaching" of voters at residential nursing homes.
4. Expand use of e-pollbooks technology to help prevent fraud, reduce errors.
5. Post-election audits. Community "receiving" boards on election night to immediately detect issues and reconcile results.

Tougher Campaign Finance Laws

Transparency and Accountability

1. Include new restrictions for legal defense spending as well as create felony charges and/or forfeiture of funds for worst offenders.
2. Require reporting for new political parties and ballot question committees to prevent stealth efforts to deceive voters like the fake Tea Party and Reform Michigan Government Now.

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